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Please reject the NAB's Petition 04-160 regarding XM Satellite Radio's XM Instant Traffic & Weather.

Satellite radio provides me with news, information, and entertainment when I choose, not when someone else does. This goes for traffic and weather information as well. I choose to pay XM for commercial-free programming, and I think that traffic and weather information as well.

I see this XM service as another version of the Traffic and Information stations common in many areas, which broadcast, commercial free, over the AM airwaves, allowing locals and visitors alike to receive important traffic information. These stations have been around for as long as I can recall, and I do not recall any actions taken against them.

Traffic and weather information is not "local programming" as the NAB has called it.

I do not listen to the Traffic and Weather station for Saint Louis for entertainment. I use it make sure that my journey will be safe and efficient. There have been times that I have found myself in the middle of severe weather or a lengthy traffic jam, before I have heard word one from any commercial radio station.

The service I pay for adds security and safety to my regular driving and daily life.

The NAB has no business taking away from me another tool to my daily life.

Thank you for reading,

- Michael Banvard

XM Radio listener

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